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1. Knoxville Neighborhoods Celebrate Halloween

If you are walking around Knoxville this week, you may notice carved pumpkins, festive leaves, and maybe even something spooky! Halloween is just days away, and many neighborhoods across the city are preparing for Trick or Treaters.

Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization will hold to tradition with their annual Costume Parade and Chili Cook-off, on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 4:30 p.m. Costumed neighbors of all ages will line up on Luttrell Street to show off their creative, spooky, and imaginative costumes.

Historic Holston Hills Community Club will celebrate tonight, Tuesday, Oct. 29, with the Holston Hills Trick or Treat Event at the Holston Hills Country Club. Candy seekers will have an opportunity to search for loot along the golf course trail, by foot or by golf cart. There will be a hayride, and the event will wrap up with chili, hot dogs, and some super fun events for the kids.

Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association will also host a fun event on Halloween, starting at 5 p.m., costumed neighbors will gather to enjoy Trick or Treating, show off their costumes, and enjoy a fun neighborhood event.

Check and see what your neighborhood is doing, this Halloween. Even if they are not hosting an event, many neighborhoods accept Trick or Treaters and love to see kids in costumes. Halloween is a great time to get to know your neighbors.

Before hitting the streets in search of candy, consider bringing the kids by the Whittle Springs Fire Station, 2600 Whittle Springs Rd. 4 p.m. Channel 10's [Alive at Five at Four](#) will be filming a Halloween special! Have the kids there in costume by 4 p.m., and they are guaranteed to make it on the show.

Eat, drink, and be scary. Please drive carefully around all the youngsters in the streets. Happy Halloween!

2. Forest Heights Becomes a Certified Wildlife Habitat

Earlier this year, the Forest Heights neighborhood achieved recognition as a Community Wildlife Habitat, only the second in Knoxville (South Woodlawn was the first). Forest Heights has over 60 residences with wildlife habitat status, as well as an educational kiosk, annual clean-ups, and other sustainable/wildlife-friendly initiatives.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Jed Beasley of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation presented Forest Heights with a certificate recognizing their achievement.

The Community Wildlife Habitat project is part of National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Program. These projects benefit the entire community of plants, wildlife, and people through the creation of sustainable landscapes that require little or no pesticides, fertilizers, or excess watering. These landscapes help keep water and air resources clean. They are healthier for people, pets, the environment, and are less resource-dependent than conventional landscapes. Habitat landscapes can serve to beautify our urban areas and give residents pride in their neighborhoods.

Forest Heights is very grateful to Mayor Madeline Rogero and Urban Forester Kasey Krouse for their help and support in our efforts. For more information, please visit the National Wildlife Federation's [website](#).

3. OLPNA Hosts Guest Speakers and Events

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (OLPNA) has a full schedule planned for November and December, hosting notable speakers and planning fun events for the whole community.

OLPNA is hosting a Holiday Maker's Market and Vintage Sale! Come out, this Sunday, Nov. 3, to the OLPNA Club House, 916 Shamrock Ave., between 10 a.m.-6 p.m., to support local artisans, find fabulous vintage treasures, and buy unique holiday gifts.

On Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., at the OLPNA Club House, OLPNA will host their regularly scheduled community meeting, featuring an interesting speaker about researching the history of your home. Hollie Cook, the Director of Education & Technical Services, and Todd Morgan, the Executive Director for Knox Heritage will speak on how to research your home to learn its unique history.

The following monthly meeting, on Monday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m., at the OLPNA Club House, will also be an interesting topic. Bruce Spangler from the Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC) will be speaking to neighbors about VMC's approach to addressing drug addiction and the realities of the epidemic in our area.

Although these meetings are OLPNA monthly meetings, they are open to the public, and neighbors from all areas are welcome to attend.

Make your way to North Knoxville, and take advantage of all the fun opportunities [OLPNA](#) has to offer!

4. City Council Approves Five NAC Appointments

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, City Council approved the nominations of five Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) members who will join the NAC in January.

The new appointments are as follows:

Eric Johnson - Seat 1-A – Vestal Community Organization
Jack Sherrod - Seat 2-A – Deane Hill Neighborhood Community Association
Jody Mullins - Seat 3-B – Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch
Morgan Wilson - Seat 6-B – Parkridge Community Organization
Millie Ward - At-Large, Seat B – Historic Holston Hills Community Club / Town Hall East

The Office of Neighborhoods staff appreciates the volunteer hours that council members give to help the City understand neighborhood needs as well as share what is going on in the city with their communities. We are deeply grateful for the five members rolling off: Danny Gray, Donnie Ernst, Anna Compton, Terrell Patrick, and Travetta Johnson. We thank you for your willingness to serve; we hope you will stay involved; and we hope to see you continuing to promote community connectivity in your neighborhood.

Learn more about the NAC and those who serve on the council on the Office of Neighborhood's [NAC webpage](#).

5. OON-AmeriCorps Presents Local Government 101 Workshop

Our AmeriCorps VISTA, Bailey Walker, will be hosting a workshop on local government on Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m., at the O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

This presentation will provide an introduction to the City of Knoxville's governmental structure, a description of departments, and ways to interact with your local government.

Those who are new to organizing, or who are beginning to get involved in their community are encouraged to attend and ask questions about local government.

If you have questions, contact Bailey Walker at 215-3232 or bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov. Please RSVP to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVK96ML>.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or LEP (Limited English Proficient) and want to request interpretation services, please contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at tharris@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2831.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend, contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook, at 215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting.

6. Early Voting Ends Thursday

On Thursday, Oct. 31, early voting for the mayoral and city council elections will end. The polls are open from 10am to 6pm, except for Thursday (they will close at 5pm). For a list of poll locations, visit the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#).

There are 5 positions up for election. Here is a [sample ballot](#) with all positions and candidates.

While the Office of Neighborhoods is an apolitical office, we do encourage all citizens to vote in local elections. Local positions most directly determine how Knoxville will change and grow in the years to come. See the city's coverage of each candidate, including links to their own websites at [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

7. Reminder: Two Public Meetings For East Knoxville This Week

The Knoxville History Project (KHP) has partnered with the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods and Office of Redevelopment to expand its [Downtown Art Wraps program](#), introducing public art along the Magnolia Ave. Streetscape Project.

There will be a **Magnolia Ave. Art Wraps Open House** on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Magnolia Ave. Campus-Community Room, 1610 E Magnolia Ave.

For more information on the Knoxville History Project's Art Wraps Program visit their [website](#) or contact Paul James at paul@knoxhistoryproject.org to learn more.

The City will also host a **Magnolia Ave./Rutledge Pike/Asheville Hwy Interchange Study Open House** on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m., at Honey Rock Victorious Church International, 4113 Holston Dr. Representatives from the City's Traffic Engineering Department, Office of Redevelopment, and the Knoxville Transportation Planning Organization will offer interactive opportunities to gather input, offer ideas, and explain concerns.

The interchange study is in the beginning stages. All input gathered will be used to create improvement plans for the interchange. Future opportunities for comment will be available further along in the process.

Come out and share your ideas! Visit the [Magnolia Ave./Rutledge Pike/Asheville Highway Interchange Study](#) for more information, or contact Dawn Michelle Foster at dmfoster@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2607.

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8. BZA Is Rescheduled For Oct. 29

Nine properties are on the agenda for this week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), which was postponed from Thursday, Oct. 17, to Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 4 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

Addresses to take note of are: 1914 Saxton Ave., 1807 Dandridge Ave., 1209 E. Magnolia Ave., 1812 Prosser Rd., 1100 Clinch Ave., 1104 Clinch Ave., 1110 Clinch Ave., 1114 Clinch Ave., and 2430 Jefferson Ave.

See the BZA [agenda](#) for more specific information on each appeal. A neighborhood group can keep up with BZA by visiting their [website](#) on a monthly basis. The next BZA meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 21.

9. BBB And POH Meetings Are This Week

The Better Building Board (BBB) meets the last Thursday of each month, at 3:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building unless otherwise noted. The Oct. 31, meeting has three properties listed for discussion: 2539 Jefferson Ave., 3410 Southwood Dr., and 523 E. Oklahoma Ave.

The Public Officer Hearings (POH) are held the next day (Friday), after the BBB, at 9:30 a.m., in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building unless otherwise noted.

The next POH meeting is this Friday, Nov. 1, and there are 16 properties on the agenda. The following properties are listed under new business: 2518 Brice St., 2726 East Fifth Ave., 2812 Greenway Dr., 704 Hickman St., 2115 Hoitt Ave., 2605 Incline St., 2327 Linden Ave., 704 Redwine St. – Rescheduled from Aug. 30, 706 Redwine St. – Rescheduled from Aug. 30, 2414 Truman Ave., and 4442 Tynemouth Dr.

Five properties are listed for Boarding Approvals: 405 Cedar Ave., 5100 Central Ave. Pike, 4216 Holston Dr., 206 Lindy Dr., and 3410 Southwood Dr.

Neighbors who have knowledge of the history of these properties might want to attend and consider speaking.

For more, you can visit the [webpage](#).

10. KKB America Recycles Day & Fall Trash Run

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) will be hosting a recycling collection party on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in celebration of America Recycles Day!

The event will take place at Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. [America Recycles Day](#) is a nationally-recognized day set on promoting and celebrating recycling in the US. This day is an initiative of [Keep America Beautiful](#) (KKB) and is usually celebrated nationally on Nov. 15, each year.

KKB will be collecting glass bottles and jars; plastic film and bags; and gently-used clothing for donation. At noon, KKB will be organizing a clothing swap where recyclers can swap their old for new-to-them clothing. All remaining clothes after the swap will be donated to AMVETS Thrift Stores and South Knoxville Elementary.

Captain Muchacho's food truck will be ready to serve lunch throughout the event, and Sierra Nevada Brewing Company will be delivering up some beer – and the first beer is free to recyclers! Keep Knoxville Beautiful staff will be on site to answer all your questions on litter prevention, recycling, and beautification in Knox County.

KKB will also be hosting its fall Trash Run on Monday, Nov. 18, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will kick off at SoKno Taco Cantina, 3701 Sevierville Pike.

The Trash Run is a non-competitive fun run and litter pickup for runners/walkers of all ages. There is no designated route for the event; rather participants are encouraged to spend an hour running or walking and collecting litter in the area. KKB will provide maps, gloves, safety vests, and litter-pickers.

After the cleanup, volunteers are invited back to SoKno Taco Cantina where they will receive happy hour priced beer as well as the chance to win prizes. Participants can sign up on their [website](#).

Prizes include- two climbing passes at River Sports, a Runners Market gift card, and a jewelry set from Kendra Scott. Participants will receive prize entry tickets for each bag of trash they collect during the event.

11. Affordable Care Act Enrollment Opens November 1

2020 Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will run from Friday, Nov. 1 to Dec. 15 this year. [HealthCare.gov](#) can let you find a plan that works best for you, with explanations on each part of your healthcare plan.

Are you unsure of what a premium or deductible is? Don't worry! This website is easy to read, with very little medical or legal jargon. The website also lets you compare plans easily.

If you are interested in enrolling in the ACA, but have questions, there are 23 area enrollment events scheduled across Knox, Sevier, and Blount Counties. Mayor Rogero will kick off the first event at noon, on Nov. 1, at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave., and enrollment specialists will meet with residents until 6 p.m.

All 23 events will have trained counselors on hand to provide assistance for anyone wishing to apply for health care coverage. Spanish language interpreters will also be available on site.

Anyone wishing to enroll will need to have the following items in hand, at the event:

- Social Security numbers (or documentation of legal status);
- Employer and income information for every household member to be covered (pay stubs or W-2 forms are acceptable); and
- If renewing, you must bring your User Name and Password

For more information and a list of ACA event dates and locations in the area, visit the [Knoxville Affordable Care Act](#). For other assistance opportunities or to schedule an appointment, call Cherokee Health Systems at 866-672-1979.

Healthcare is a major issue for a large number of Americans. There are approximately 28 million uninsured Americans, according to the Wall Street Journal. Before the ACA, that number was almost double, at 44 million Americans (nearly 17% of the population). Healthcare is more accessible than ever, but many still go without coverage. If you have never enrolled in the ACA, consider doing so for 2020.

12. Volunteer East Tennessee Organizes KnoxGives

Volunteer East Tennessee organized KnoxGives, a community-wide day of service, on Friday, Nov. 8. East Tennesseans are known for their volunteer spirit and now they will get a chance to demonstrate it.

[KnoxGives](#), sponsored by Pilot Flying J, lets volunteers sign up to serve at nonprofit and community organization sites across Knox County, including parks, community gardens, shelters, community schools, and animal shelters. Visit their website, listed above, to learn more about volunteer opportunities to give back to your community and feel the joy of volunteering.

13. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

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Other Calendars

Additional online calendars that cover events outside the neighborhood realm include:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Parks and Rec Community Programming](#)

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